

Washington, DC – Congressman Steve King released the following statement after the Prenatal Non-Discrimination Act (PRENDA) failed by a vote of 246 in favor and 168 opposed. A two-thirds majority was required for passage because PRENDA was brought to the floor under suspension of the rules, but not enough Democrats joined Republicans to reach this super-majority standard. A bill brought up under regular order requires a simple majority of Members voting to pass. Minutes before the House voted on PRENDA, Democrats forced an unrelated procedural vote concerning women's pay.

"While Democrats were conducting 'procedural shenanigans' with a routine previous question vote aimed at painting Republicans as anti-women, only 20 Democrats joined Republicans to stop sex selection abortions and protect innocent baby girls," King said. "If there is a 'war on women,' as President Obama asserts, where are Democrats when it's time to protect the most defenseless of all women – baby girls? I'm looking forward to House action allowing the pro-life majority to protect baby girls by passing PRENDA under regular order."